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(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) (3) is in the affirmative, what the agency is; and

(*c*) why the Government requirements are not all met out of the supply by jails?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) All orders for boots from the Police, Excise and Forest departments are placed with the Jail department.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Does not the report of the Police department mention that the orders for boots are placed also with other people than the Jail department?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The Jail department is able to supply the requirements of the departments mentioned in the answer."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I take, Sir, that no agency such as the Pallavaram Criminal Settlement or any other agency is supplying the needs of the Police department?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Service of sub-assistant surgeons in jail.

* 1040 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) whether service in the Jail department is an ordinary incident in a sub-assistant surgeon's career and (ii) whether every sub-assistant surgeon has, therefore, to do his term of duty in jail;

(*b*) the normal period of such term of duty; and

(*c*) the number of assistant surgeons now in the service of Government and how many out of them (1) have already put in the prescribed period of " Jail " service; and (2) are now actually engaged in that service?

A.—(*a*) (i) Yes.
(ii) Not every one, but those who are selected for such duty.
(*b*) Three years.
(*c*) No assistant surgeon is required to serve in the Jail department. If sub-assistant surgeons are meant, there are now 504 sub-assistant surgeons in the service of Government. Of these, 105 have already put in the prescribed period of 'Jail' service and 31 are now actually engaged in that service.

Prohibition of sub-assistant surgeons in jails from private practice.

* 1041 *Q.*—Mr. P. Siva Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sub-assistant surgeons working in jails are prohibited from private practice generally and are allowed only consulting practice; and

(*b*) whether every sub-assistant surgeon is bound to be on duty for a compulsory period of three years in jails; if so, why this three years' period was found necessary?